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Swift Water Training

The Arizona Department of Public Safety and Arizona Hiking Shack are sponsoring the fourth annual "Swift Water Rescue Rodeo". This event will be held on June 10, 2006 starting at 8 am. This event will be held at the Central Arizona Project Canal on the east side of Interstate 17 north of Happy Valley Road.

This event will bring teams from across the state together to compete in scenarios based on real rescues. The teams will be timed and evaluated during several evolutions to include a real time scenario. The events will include rope rescues, swimming rescues, and boat based rescues.

In 2005 13 people died in Arizona as a direct result of flash flooding or fast moving water. Countless other people were rescued by rescue teams. Several of these teams will be in attendance at this event. The teams would appreciate the opportunity to provide a safety message to people about moving water. This type of rescue is arguably the most dangerous type of rescue a team could be called to perform.